

REMARKS


Applicants are in the process of obtaining data to rebut the prior art rejections set forth in the first Office Action dated January 15, 2003 in parent application Serial No. 09/997,233, ("the first Action") and shall forward a declaration or affidavit as soon as possible. In the event that the Examiner is required to act on this case and applicants have not yet filed a response to the first Action, the undersigned welcomes the Examiner to contact him at the telephone number listed below to assess the status of the data.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with filing this Preliminary Amendment. However, in the event it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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